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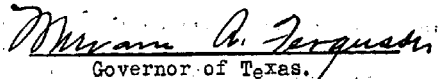
Honorable W. W. Reath,
Secretary of State,
Capitol.

Dear Sir:

I herewith hand you House Bill 161 to be filed in your office, which I have this day disapproved and vetoed. My reason for such action is that although the purpose of this bill is to prevent unconscionable donations to campaign funds in the election of public officials, yet I think the law as written goes too far and is too drastic. This bill carries a maximum fine of five hundred dollars and confinement in jail for as much as ninety days if any appointee of any elective officer should voluntarily make a campaign contribution of even one dollar.

This law would give the unscrupulous, dishonest appointee the advantage by wholesale violation and the law abiding appointee would be precluded from extending any assistance whatever. The vice in the bill is that it destroys the voluntary contribution in any amount. A law can be written covering this question that will be to purify election and the next legislature can deal with the question.

House Bill No. 161 is, therefore, disapproved and vetoed. Done at Austin, Texas, this the sixteenth day of March, A. D., 1934.


Governor of Texas.